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SUBJ: PATANI LIBERATION ORGANIZATION PRESS CONFERENCE IN TRIPOLI

SUMMARY. PATANI THAI LEADER HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE IN TRIPOLI. ACCUSES THAI GOVERNMENT OF ATROCITIES. SEEKS LIBYAN, ISLAMIC COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF PATANI LIBERATION MOVEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. PATANI UNITED LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PULO) LEADER TABIR ABDUL RAHMAN HELD PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 17 IN TRIPOLI DURING ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF PULO ACCUSED THAI GOVERNMENT OF BRUTAL MILITARY OPERATIONS AIMED AT ELIMINATING MUSLIM INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE. HE CLAIMED THAI GOVERNMENT MASSACRED 28,000 MUSLIMS IN THE PAST NINE YEARS. HE THEN APPEALED TO ALL MUSLIM COUNTRIES TO COME TO THE AID OF PATANI MUSLIMS.

2. RAHMAN STATED THAT PULO WAS READY TO ACCEPT A REFERENDUM AMONG THE PATANI MUSLIMS AS TO WHETHER THEY  
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WANTED INDEPENDENCE, BUT SINCE THEY HAD ALREADY STARTED A MILITARY STRUGGLE, HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD NOT DEMAND IT. HE STATED THAT PULO WAS NOT AFRAID OF A PLEBISCITE AND IF THE THAI GOVERNMENT THOUGHT THIS COULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM POLITICALLY, THEN PULO WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT IT.

3. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF PULO EXPRESSED HIS  
CONFIDENCE THAT LIBYA WOULD SUPPORT THE PATANI  
MUSLIMS.  
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